(b) if so, the details thereof and since when, it has been pending;

(c) the reasons for the pendency thereof; and

(d) by when the proposal is likely to be cleared by Government?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (c) Details of the two power projects proposed in Gujarat which are currently awaiting environmental clearance including reasons for pendency are given in the Statement enclosed. (*See* below)

(d) usually, decisions on projects are taken within 90 days of receipt of complete information.

Statement

List of power project of Gujarat awaiting environmental clearance

Sl. No.	Name of the Project	Date of Receipt	Reasons for Pendency
1.	2x250 MW Improted Coal Based Thermal Power Plant near Village Zarpara, Taluka Mundra, District Kutch of M/s Gujarat Power Corporation Ltd.	03.09.2001	The Project has been apprised in the Ministry and further discussions have been deferred at the request of project authorities.
2.	75 MW Kutch Lignite TPS (Unit-IV) at Panandhro, District Bhuj of M/s Gujarat Electricity Board.	15.12.2001	Project has been discussed in the Expert Committee meeting and project authorities have been requested to submit supplementary information on conformity to Coastal Regulation Zone Notification for the pipeline air quality and status of forest diversion etc. which is still awaited.

Meeting of State Environment Secretaries

1809. SHRI R. P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that at the two day meeting of the State

Environment Secretaries and Pollution Control Board officials some fundamental issues relating to pollution in big cities were discussed;

(b) if so, the details of the deliberations and the conclusions reached; and

(c) the details of time-bound plan of action drawn up, if any, with monitoring mechanism established therefor, to clean up the polluted cities, especially the metros and other major cities?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (c) A two days Conference of State Environment Secretaries and Chairpersons of Pollution Control Boards/Committees was held on 8th and 9th July, 2002 to discuss various issues relating to pollution control including formulation and implementation of action plans for control of air pollution in selected cities. States Pollution Control Boards/Committees have been asked to prepare action plans in a time-bound manner for non-attainment cities identified by the Central Pollution Control Board including cities where Nitrogen dioxide, Sulphur dioxide, the Respirable Suspended Particulate Matter levels have exceeded the prescribed standards and also are equal or higher than Delhi.

Action taken reports on pollution

1810. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have asked for detailed Reports from State Governments about the action taken to clean up the air of critically polluted cities as reported in the 'Pioneer' dated 10th July, 2002;

(b) if so, the details of reports submitted by State Governments;

(c) whether the Supreme Court orders to clean up the air pollution have been ignored by State Governments;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the details of further steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T. R. BAALU): (a) and (b) The Government have asked the State Governments and Pollution Control Boards/Committees to prepare action plans for control